

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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March 2020 — Editor Marlene Goodyear

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dear Members,

People join National Seniors Australia (NSA) for many reasons - some for the opportunity to join a branch to meet new people, enjoy monthly speakers, others for social activities and trips.

However we must not forget that NSA advocates on our behalf with government bodies on various issues relating to Seniors.

NSA's 2020/2021 Federal Budget submission contains the following recommendations:

- **Fix pension poverty.**
- **Overhaul aged care** - includes recommendation to establish a program for mature age care workers.
- **A fairer retirement income system** - includes the reduction of Aged Pension deeming rate.
- **Reduce out-of-pocket health costs.**
- **A legacy for older Australians.**

Branch Activities/Trips:

Members will notice that we have commenced advertising some of the activities for our 2020 program. The lists are filling up fast so to avoid disappointment please put your name down as soon as possible with Peter or Lorraine at the Activities desk on branch meeting days.

The committee has spent much time in devising the program for 2020 and I would like to thank Peter Oaten for his input.

Relating to activities/trips, I would like to make it clear that, contrary to some members' beliefs, no-one on the committee receives any favoured treatment for organising a particular event. Also organisers of trips pay the same amount as everyone else. Any discounts received will be shared among the whole group.

Greensborough RSL Membership:

NSA members who sign up to become members of the RSL enjoy benefits such as discounted meals, drinks, etc.

Our branch also receives a percentage monetary rebate related to your 'spend' at the RSL. This in no way affects your membership points or discounts.

We encourage branch members to join the RSL program as this is a win-win for both our branch and the RSL.

Branch Speaker:

Our February speaker was a 'no show' - a misunderstanding re meeting date. It is panic stations when this happens which is rarely - thank goodness! Luckily I had a fallback position (a sheet of trivia questions). I can't speak for all, but from the buzz in the room and comments received members seemed to enjoy the impromptu quiz.

Thankyou all for your cooperation and enthusiasm.

Regards,
Bob Goodyear



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Speakers Gifts & Door Prizes, Coffee Club

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Book Exchange Coordinator - Ken Pickett

Past Presidents:

Christina McDonald - 2003/04

Greg Fallon - 2004/07

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Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 21 April 2020 - 10.00 am
(doors open at 9.30 am for registration)

Speaker: Jim Dewar
Vietnam Veteran Association
Education Group



To members who are unwell or recuperating, your friends at the Greensborough Branch are thinking of you and send best wishes for a speedy recovery.

If you know of any member who is unwell, please contact our Welfare Officer, Judy Harvey
Tel: 9401 6752 or
email: judy.harvey43@yahoo.com

To those celebrating a birthday!



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New Mailing Address:
Box 37, Greensborough Post Office, 3088
(Note change of location from Macleod PO)

COFFEE CLUB



Wed 1 April - 10.00 am

Third Chapter

26 Commercial Place
Eltham
Tel: 9439 9514

Coordinator:

Gaylynn - Tel: 0427 552 022

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 9 April - 12.00 noon

Mabel Jones Cafe

67 Grimshaw Street (cnr Howard Street)
Greensborough
Tel: 9434 5298

RSVP: Mon 6 April
Val Beale
Tel: 0409 196 199

DINNER CLUB



Friday 3 April - 7.00 pm

Urban Grooves

99 Grimshaw Street
Greensborough (Licensed, no BYO)
Tel: 9434 5444

RSVP: Mon 30 March
Ken & Faye Pickett
Tel: 9435 0076



Walking Club



Walkers meet **most Tuesdays** at 9.30 am at Henry Street end of Greensborough Memorial Park (*except on Branch meeting days when the group walk on Wednesday*).

On 1st Tuesday of the month:

Meet at Kalparrin (opp. Skateboard rink).

On Last Tuesday of the month:

Meet at Bottom Car Park, Lower Plenty Hotel, Main Road, Lower Plenty.



Confused ???

Contact Coordinator:

Ken Pickett - Tel: 9435 0076

Low Impact Walking Club



NOT UP TO HILLS?

Walkers meet **Tuesdays** at 9.30 am at **Willinda Park Athletics Track**, end of Nell Street, Greensborough (*except on Branch meeting days when the group walk on Wednesdays*).

On the last Tuesday of the month the group meet at 9.30 am at the **Lower Car Park, Lower Plenty Hotel** for a gentle walk.



Seeking Golfers (Good & Bad)

A group of Greensborough branch members play golf on **Mondays** commencing at 9.00 am at **Strathallen Golf Club**, 100 Main Drive, Bundoora.

Cost - 9 holes: \$18.00/pp for Seniors

If you are interested in joining us for a game you would be most welcome.

For further info - please see Ian Schuck at branch meetings or phone Ian on 9434 3839.



TREASURER'S REPORT - Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/02/2020		22,970.40
Plus Income:		
Myriad Glass	725.00	
Great Ocean Road	470.00	
Werribee Zoo	520.00	
Membership	99.00	
Advertisers	330.00	
Attendance	374.00	
Raffle	180.00	
Total:		2,698.00
Less Expenditure:		
Membership	-99.00	
Raffle/Door Prizes	-70.00	
Total:		-169.00
Balance as at 29/02/2020		25,499.40



AUTUMN 'SONGS OF PRAISE' SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2020 - 2.00 pm



PLEASE NOTE: Change of date

Venue: Diamond Valley Baptist Church, 309 Diamond Creek Rd, Plenty (Melway D11)

'Songs of Praise' is an initiative of the Diamond Valley Baptist 'Women in Focus' Group.

Community singing is supported by the Songs Of Praise band led by **Reg Gore**.
Please spread the word, bring your friends and enjoy this event, plus a wonderful Afternoon Tea.

*For further enquiries please contact the honorary organiser:
Dr Matthew Field - Mob: 0416 190 539 / office@matthewfield.com.au*



PROPOSED BRANCH ACTIVITIES FOR 2020

We have scheduled activities for February & March (see Activities on Page 5) and below are some activities for 2020 which we are considering for the remainder of the year.

- Film Luncheons - Balwyn Palace Theatre
- Flemington Heritage Centre & Racecourse
- SkyHigh Restaurant Mt Dandenong - Xmas in July Lunch
- George Hotel - Ballarat
- Tesselaar Tulip Festival
- Barwon Park Homestead
- Zone Xmas Lunch
- Branch Xmas Lunch
- 4-day trip - Apollo Bay & Great Ocean Road - **Note: A booking has been made for 20-23 October 2020.**

UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS



Branch Activities

THURSDAY 23 APRIL - MYRIAD GLASS STUDIO & EDGAR'S MISSION SANCTUARY:

See a variety of kiln formed glass & mosiacs in a working studio in Kilmore and visit Edgar's Mission in Lancefield where there are 450+ rescued animal residents. (Please note you will need closed shoes to be permitted in animal enclosures.) Incl. Morning Tea, Lunch at the Kilmore Racecourse. Cost: \$59.00/pp. Time: 9.00 am-5.00 pm. *Bus pick up Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell Street end.*

FRIDAY 22 MAY - WERRIBEE PARK MANSION & WERRIBEE ZOO:

Self-guided tour of Mansion and following lunch a Safari Tour of Zoo. Incl. Morning Tea, 2-course Lunch. Cost: \$79.00/pp. Time: 9.00am-5.00 pm. *Bus pick up Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell Street end.*

20-23 OCTOBER - APOLLO BAY & GREAT OCEAN ROAD TOUR:

More information will be available to members in future newsletters.

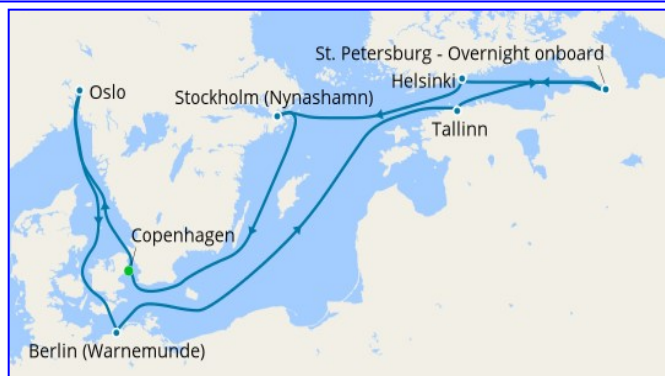
Bookings: See Activities Desk or contact:

Peter Oaten Tel: 9434 6795 or 0400 317 279 / Bob Goodyear Tel: 9435 2529 or 0418 974 095.



'SKY PRINCESS' BALTIC CRUISE

**(11 DAYS)
19-30 JUNE 2020**



Embarkation - Copenhagen - 19 June 2020 Disembarkation - Copenhagen - 30 June 2020

Bookings through:

Helloworld Travel Greensborough

42 Main St, Greensborough Vic 3088 Tel: 9434 1377 Email: greensborough@helloworld.com.au

Lorraine Oaten, Travel Committee Tel: 9434 6795 or 0449 594 301 Email: oatlan@bigpond.com

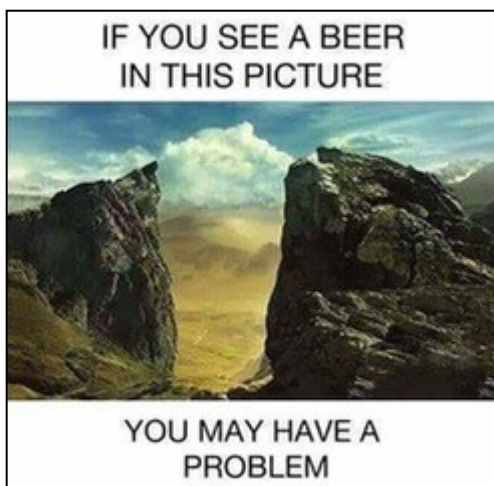
******* NOTE: Message from Lorraine Oaten *******

Following the Baltic Cruise, some of us are adding on a 10-day Trafalgar Tour - "Best of Holland, Belgium & Luxembourg" - visiting Amsterdam, Luxembourg City, Brussels & Bruges.

If anyone is interested in joining this tour, can you contact me as soon as possible on Tel: 9434 6795 or 0449 594 301.



A couple of members of the Walking Group were discussing going on a cruise to New Zealand in late January - word spread and a total of 15 members & friends ended up going with them. All had a great time!



At the bank, I told the cashier, "Id like to open a joint account please."

"OK, with whom?"

"Whoever has lots of money."

*I thought the Dryer made my clothes shrink.
Turns out it was the Refrigerator.*

**My stomach is FLAT.
The L is just silent.**

NOTICE BOARD



Are you planning to visit Thailand?

Member, **Marg Wood - Tel: 9438 4219**, is a regular visitor to Thailand and would be happy to advise you on:

- **The best shopping places.**
- **Where to buy tailor-made suits.**
- **Pitfalls for tourists.**
- **The wonderful, exciting experiences you can have.**

A must visit is to Kanchanaburi (the Thai Burma railway, the Bridge on the River Kwai, tigers living with monks, elephant rides & beautiful scenery).

Do not pre-book a tour from Australia for Kanchanaburi - you can do so much better if you deal directly with a local travel agent.



Spectacles & Sunglasses

The Fred Hollows Foundation uses second-hand spectacles and sunglasses to improve the sight of people in deprived communities in our Far North & Australian Islands.

You can assist by bringing along no-longer-used specs/sunglasses. *Cases for specs/sunglasses are also needed.*

Member, Carolyn Matthews, will be happy to collect them at Branch meetings. Carolyn can be contacted on Mob: 0407 094 318.



Fancy a Game?

If you are interested in playing tennis in a very relaxed atmosphere on a **MONDAY morning between 9.30 am — 12 noon**, please see **Glenda Sundstrom at the branch meeting or ring on 0417 357 534** or just turn up (weather permitting) for a game. The only criteria is that correct tennis shoes must be worn.

Cost is \$3.00 per morning (incl a cuppa & biscuit).

The courts are located at the rear of the **Diamond Valley Baptist Church, 309 Diamond Creek Road, Plenty (Melways 11D7).**



BOOK EXCHANGE

We operate a **Free Book Exchange** on Branch Meeting days. We ask only that you return the books to the Branch when you have finished reading them so that other members may have the opportunity to borrow the books.

(Tables are set up at the rear of the Function Room.)

Coordinator - Ken Pickett

Members, please bring along unwanted books.



WANTED OLD 'ELECTRIC BLANKETS' Any Size for my Wildlife Rescuer friends

They don't need to be in working order as I will strip out the wires before passing them on. I will collect, or you can bring them to the next branch meeting.

Thank you, **Carolyn Matthews - Mob: 0407 094 318**

Garden Workshop Bunnings Eltham



Members are invited to attend the Bunnings Garden Workshop held in their Eltham store on 1st Thursday of the month at 10am - 12.00 noon. There is free morning tea. The topics are interesting and informative, with guest speakers and everyone has a lot of fun.

Bookings are required, for catering purposes - please contact:

Helen Philp, Activities Organiser—Tel: 9430 0100



Eltham Men's Shed

Do you know men with spare time and skills to share?

At the shed we get involved in projects helping out local community groups & school projects.

Feel free to drop in and meet the men involved, you will be most welcome.

We also organise outings & guest speakers.

**Drop in any Monday or Wednesday - 3.30—2.00 pm
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Located at 339 St Helena Road, St Helena is an 81 bed
Residential Aged Care Facility, incl 1 Respite Room.

Our facility "**Liscombe House**" comprises 3 sections:

- **Liscombe Wing** - 39 rooms
- **Currie Wing** - 22 single rooms, 4 double rooms lo-
cated within a totally secure unit
- **Anne Jeffery Wing** - 12 rooms (dementia specific)
located within a totally secure unit.

For all enquiries please contact:

Residents' Coordinator - Karen Ernest on 9433 1100